

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/777,605

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 3/4/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 11, 14, 17-18, 20, 22-30, 32, 34-49, 51-55 and 57-66.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

1. The terminal disclaimer filed on Apr. 4, 2005 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US 6,831,830 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-8, 11,14, 17-18, 20, 22-30, 32, 34-49, 51-55 and 57-66 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The best prior art of record, Beck et al (US 5,030,260), Berberich et al. (US 5,760,998), Yoshida et al. (US 5,677,813), Nakata et al. (US 2002/0043608 A1), and Kunikane et al. (US 6,308,961 B1), taken alone or in combination, fails to teach or reasonably suggest a digital storage arrangement comprising: a cover portion of a housing, being formed from a sheet material and latching arms being stamped as an integral portion of the sheet material, and latching recesses being defined on a base portion of the housing as set forth in claims 11, 14, and 17; and a resilient arrangement including a gasket portion being molded into position in the cover portion as set forth in claims 1, 5, 18, 30, 41, 45, 49, 55, 61 and 64; into a peripheral corner region of the cover portion as set forth in

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claims 26 and 38; or into a plurality of through-holes of the cover portion as set forth in claims 28 and 40. Claim 29 is a dependent claim from claim 28. Claims 2-4, 6-8, 29, 32 and 34-37, 39, 42-44, 46-48, 51-54, 57-60, 62-63, and 65-66 are dependent claims from claims 1, 5, 28, 30, 38, 41, 45, 49, 55, 61, and 64, respectively. Claims 20, 22-25 and 27 are dependent claims from claim 18.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Correspondence

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yean-Hsi Chang whose telephone number is (571) 272-2038. The examiner can normally be reached on 07:30 - 16:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Art Unit phone number is (571) 272-2800, ext. 35. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3431 for regular communications and for After Final communications. There are RightFax numbers and provide the fax sender with an auto-reply fax verifying receipt by the USPTO: Before-Final (703-872-9318) and After-Final (703-872-9319).

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-8558.

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Primary Examiner
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April 7, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yuan Hsi Chang', written in a cursive style.